

## BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

S.B. 596  
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Enrolled

### BACKGROUND

Currently, the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court is required to give an oral state of the judiciary message to both houses of the legislature. However, because the legislature deals with more complex and time-consuming issues in the short period of a regular session, some members believe that it is increasingly difficult to find time for such mandated concerns. Those legislators suggest that the same information could be disseminated through less time-consuming methods.

### PURPOSE

As enrolled, S.B. 596 requires the chief justice of the supreme court to deliver either a written or oral state of the judiciary message.

### RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 21.004(a), Government Code, to require the chief justice of the supreme court to deliver a written or oral state of the judiciary message evaluating the accessibility of the courts to the citizens of the state and the future directions and needs of the courts of the state.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.